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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Surgical Instruments for Stabilizing a Localized Portion of a Beating Heart

the specification of which:

— is attached hereto
OR
X was filed on January 24, 2001 as United States Application Number 09/769,964 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined by 37 CFR 1.56.

Insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application are not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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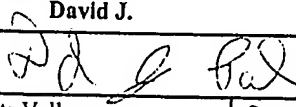
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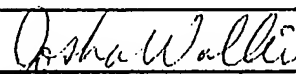
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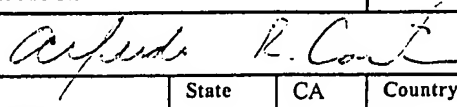
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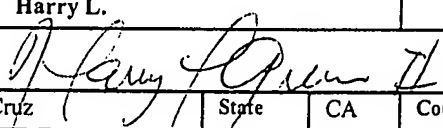
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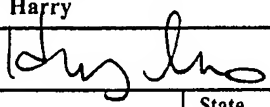
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